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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UPDATE THE KALAELOA AIRPORT MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, Kalaeloa Airport, formerly Barbers Point Naval Air Station, has been owned and operated by the Oahu District of the State Airports System since July 1999, as a general aviation reliever airport for Honolulu International Airport; and

WHEREAS, users of the airport include the United States Coast Guard, Hawaii Community College Flight Program, Hawaii National Guard, and the general aviation community; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, there were 123,184 air operations based out of Kalaeloa Airport; and

WHEREAS, Kalaeloa Airport is a major state asset because it provides a launch site for United States Coast Guard Search and Rescue Operations, a training base for general aviation, an emergency response platform, an alternate landing site for airlines and the military, and an extension of the capacity of Honolulu International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Kalaeloa Airport allows the Hawaii National Guard to airlift soldiers and equipment directly from their Kalaeloa facilities, while also acting as a disaster relief site for civil defense agencies; and

WHEREAS, four of the buildings on Kalaeloa Airport are eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of their distinctive architecture; and

WHEREAS, a master plan for the Kalaeloa Airport was adopted soon after the State of Hawaii took control of the airport but has not been updated for nearly eighteen years; and

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WHEREAS, the future uses of the airport with respect to the
growing development and business investments of the Ko Olina,
Ewa Beach, Kapolei, and West Oahu communities need to be
planned; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
Transportation is urged to conduct an update to the Kalaeloa
Airport Master Plan to include strategic plans to promote job
growth, economic development, increased commercial flight use,
environmental sustainability, and private-public partnerships
for mixed-use developments and facility upgrades to the airport;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
Transportation is requested to develop and adopt any update to
the master plan with the appropriate community input to include
residents, businesses, and land owners in the West Oahu and
Leeward Oahu regions; and government agencies such as the United
States Navy, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Hawaiian
Home Lands, University of Hawaii System, Hawaii Community
Development Authority, Department of Land and Natural Resources,
and City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
Transportation submit the updated master plan to the Legislature
upon completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the
Navy Region Hawaii, Director of the Western-Pacific Region
Airports Division of the Federal Aviation Administration,
Governor, Director of Transportation, Chairperson of the Board
of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes
Commission, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian
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1 Affairs, President of the University of Hawaii System,
2 Chairperson of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, and
3 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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